

MAETERLINCK, NOTED AUTHOR, ASSAILS VATICAN

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Rome, aMrch 15. — Maurice Maeterlinck, noted Belgian author, today made a savage attack on the vatican for maintaining a neutral attitude in the war. He declared that the Holy See, in taking this position, has abandoned the teachings of Jesus Christ.

"I am sorry to say that the vatican has proved un-Christian," said the Belgian. "It has not followed the teachings of Jesus Christ."

"The vatican in this war has allied itself with the rich oppressor—Germany—by holding aloof. It has not stood by the oppressed, the suffering and the poor. Its pro-German sympathies are bound to affect the church in Belgium and France after the war. I regret that the vatican has forgotten the teachings of Jesus Christ."

MRS. MERRIAM ON DANCE HALLS

Dances given in the public halls of Chicago are promoted and conducted by a centrally organized vice trust, in the belief of Mrs. Chas. E. Merriam, who has personally investigated.

Mrs. Merriam believes there is great profit in the dances and that this profit is divided by the liquor interests and the promoters.

She also lays the accusation that city officials are aiding the vice trust. In support of this she says licenses refused by Police Chief Gleason are secured anyway. "I am unable to implicate the mayor directly," she told the congregation at South Park M. E. church last night.

To remedy the evil Mrs. Merriam suggests prohibition of liquor sales at dances and operation of dancing parties by the public schools.

A wounded soldier who was operated on in Paris was found to have suffered from sixty-eight separate wounds. A remarkable fact is that the man probably will recover.

HELEN KELLER ILL. IN HOSPITAL IN TEXAS.



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Threatened with pneumonia Miss Helen Keller is in a private hospital in Austin, Texas.

The young woman who did so much to overcome the handicap of blindness and deafness was lecturing in the south when she was taken ill. All lecture engagements have been cancelled pending her recovery.

The Eskimos are stuffing ballot boxes. Corruption follows the flag.